



“At the Center of It All” (Part II)

“And all things are of God, Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ”
(2 Cor. 5:18a KJV)

Today we continue to ponder the centrality and universal significance of the *cross* in the life of Christ-followers. First, we considered the *cross* as The Crucible of Our Redemption. Perhaps another reason the *cross* stands at the center of it all is because it is **The Crosswalk of Our Reconciliation**. Separated from God at birth, each person enters this world spiritually “dead on arrival” (Eph. 2:1). The Apostle Paul argues that eternal death awaits all who are not brought to life through faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:23). Apart from this rebirth, we remain lifeless enemies of Christ. The gulf between God and mankind is vast and can be filled only by the “*cross-walk*” God provided on Calvary’s hill. This is the one bridge capable of reconnecting believing sinners with a benevolent God. The outstretched arms of Jesus serve as an open invitation for Jew and Gentile alike to enter into an endless, love relationship with God. Hear Paul once again, “He did this so that He might reconcile both to God in one body through the *cross* ... (Eph. 2:16, CSB).” These lyrics have lifted many a spirit:

“To God be the glory, great things He has done. So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.” (F. Crosby)

“He would not come down from the *cross* just to save Himself. He decided to die just to save me.” (M. Douroux)

Well, the *cross* will always represent the love God had for me
When the Lord of glory, heaven sent gave all on Calvary
He did it just for me, just for me,
Hallelujah, Jesus came and did it just for me. (D. McClurkin)